

STIMULUS WATCH: WEEK 30

\$50,000 in Stimulus Funds for New Tennis Courts

- Bozeman, Montana is spending \$49,410 to install new rubber-tiled tennis courts at the city's Bogert Park. The tennis courts are being funded out of the \$621,000 Bozeman has received in federal stimulus dollars.
- Brian Schweitzer, governor of Montana, believes this is a waste of government funds. And while the residents of Bozeman will be able to play tennis on brand new courts come June, they still won't have any new jobs to show for the project. That's because the \$49,410 will go to the Dermco-LaVine Construction company in Minneapolis, Minnesota.
- Next up for Bozeman? A rock climbing wall, according to Bozeman City Commissioner Jeff Krauss. Game, Set, Match.
- Under the House Republican Stimulus Alternative, taxpayer funds would not be spent on tennis courts. Instead, Republicans would have created twice as many jobs at half the cost. To learn how visit:
<http://republicanwhip.house.gov/Jobs/>
- **Sources:**
<http://bozemandailychronicle.com/articles/2009/12/29/news/300city.txt>
<http://www.dailyfinance.com/story/montanas-stimulus-funded-tennis-courts-draw-hypocritical-volley/19298370/>

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